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(*b*) whether it is proposed to send a joint memorandum of the two halves of the Government or separate memoranda for the Reserved and Transferred halves respectively; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to place the memorandum or memoranda on the table of the Council; if so, when; and if not, why not?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) No decision has been come to on the matter as yet.

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" Since the date of the receipt of this answer, which I see is 13th December 1928, may I know if the Government can throw further light on this matter?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" The answer to (*a*) and (b) remains the same. As regards (*c*) I can say that having regard to the time available and the matter having been considered, if any memorandum is sent it will not be laid on the table by this Government for the reason that it is a memorandum addressed to the Commission and it is for them to publish it if they wish."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" With regard to (*b*), have the Government come to any conclusion as to whether the memorandum is to be two separate memoranda, one on behalf of the Reserved half and one on behalf of the Transferred half of the Government, or whether there is going to be a joint memorandum?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" I have just said that the answer to (*a*) and (b) remains as on paper."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I know approximately the time when the Government expect to be in a position to come to a decision on these two matters?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" I cannot undertake to say, Sir?"

Staff Selection Board

Appointment of officials and non-officials as members of the Staff Selection Board.

* 1160 *Q.*—Mr. J A. Saldanha: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased—

(i) to place before the Council a statement showing the officials and non-officials appointed as members of the Staff Selection Board; and

(ii) to state

(*a*) whether any non-officials are appointed and if so, how long they are to hold the appointment; and

(*b*) whether any Member of the Legislative Council has been appointed to hold the post and, if so, on what grounds?

A.—(i) The members of the Staff Selection Board are—

(1) *Officials.*

1. The Chief Secretary to Government.
2. The Surgeon-General.
3. The Director of Public Instruction.

(2) *Non-officials.*

4. M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur W. L. Venkataramayya Garu.
5. Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur, M.L.C.
6. M.R.Ry. P. T. Kumaraswami Chetti Garu.

(ii) (*a*) The hon. Member is referred to the answers to clause (i) above and to question No. 977 (*d*) asked at the meeting of the Council on 31st October 1927.

(*b*) Yes. Please see answer to clause (i). The nomination is made by His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"May I enquire whether the Staff Selection Board will be merged into the Public Services Commission?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"I do not know what the hon. Member means by merging. If the Public Services Commission is set up, the Staff Selection Board will of course cease to exist."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"May I enquire with regard to (ii) (*a*) and (*b*) of this question, without any disrespect to any particular individual, whether it is compatible with the position of an hon. Member of this House under obligation to his constituency that he should be made a member of the Staff Selection Board?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"That is asking for opinion."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"May I know whether the Government have considered the difficulty in which an hon. Member of this House is placed by being appointed as a member of the Staff Selection Board?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The difficulty of a Member is not a matter of public concern."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"May I know whether there are any principles guiding the Government in the matter of making the appointments?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"The Government are not making the appointments."

Criminal Settlements

Alleged compulsion of Hindu boys in settlement schools to attend Sunday service, etc.

*1161 *Q.*—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Hindu boys in the settlement schools are registered in Christian names;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the managing bodies of the settlements are making the settlers attend churches on Sundays for service though they are Hindus;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that settlement schools are closed for Michaelmas instead of Dasara; and

(*d*) what is the amount contributed to each settlement for churches, Hindu temples and mosques by the Government?